

In the claims:

Following is a complete set of claims as amended with this Response.

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:  
receiving a logon from a student at a client device;  
identifying the student at the device based on the logon;  
finding a language oral practice module for the identified student;  
recording a spoken utterance at the client device based on the oral practice module;  
evaluating the spoken utterance for accuracy;  
evaluating the spoken utterance for duration;  
assigning a score to the spoken utterance based on the accuracy and the duration;  
uploading the assigned score to a server device;  
comparing the assigned score to scores of other students; and  
displaying a ranking at the client device of the assigned score as compared to the scores of other students.
2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the spoken utterance comprises a recitation of a sentence in a spoken language.
3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising playing a benchmark audio to a student via a computing device, the benchmark audio comprising a sentence recited in a language to be learned by the student, and wherein evaluating the spoken utterance comprises comparing the spoken utterance from the student with the benchmark audio.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising providing the assigned score to the speaker of the spoken utterance.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, further comprising ~~providing uploading assigned score to a server module to provide~~ a learning history to a remote teacher using the uploaded assigned score.

6. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein evaluating the spoken utterance for accuracy comprises evaluating the pronunciation of the spoken utterance against a benchmark.

7. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein evaluating the spoken utterance for duration comprises measuring the duration of the spoken utterance and comparing it to the duration of a benchmark utterance.

8. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein evaluating the spoken utterance for duration comprises dividing the spoken utterance into words and comparing the duration of each word to the duration of each word of a benchmark utterance.

9. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory machine-readable medium carrying data, that when operated on by the machine, cause the machine to perform operations comprising:

receiving a logon from a student at a client device;

identifying the student at the device based on the logon;

finding a language oral practice module for the identified student;

recording a spoken utterance at the client device based on the oral practice module;

evaluating the spoken utterance for accuracy;

evaluating the spoken utterance for duration;

assigning a score to the spoken utterance based on the accuracy and the duration;

uploading the assigned score to a server device;

comparing the assigned score to scores of other students; and

displaying a ranking at the client device of the assigned score as compared to the scores of other students.

10. (Original) The medium of Claim 9, wherein the spoken utterance comprises a recitation of a sentence in a spoken language.

11. (Original) The medium of Claim 9, further comprising playing a benchmark audio to a student via a computing device, the benchmark audio comprising a sentence recited in a language to be learned by the student, and wherein evaluating the spoken utterance comprises comparing the spoken utterance from the student with the benchmark audio.

12. (Original) The medium of claim 9, further comprising providing the assigned score to the speaker of the spoken utterance.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, further comprising ~~providing uploading assigned score to a server module to provide~~ a learning history to a remote teacher using the uploaded assigned score.

14. (Original) The medium of Claim 9, wherein evaluating the spoken utterance for accuracy comprises evaluating the pronunciation of the spoken utterance against a benchmark.

15. (Original) The medium of Claim 9, wherein evaluating the spoken utterance for duration comprises measuring the duration of the spoken utterance and comparing it to the duration of a benchmark utterance.

16. (Original) The medium of Claim 9, wherein evaluating the spoken utterance for duration comprises dividing the spoken utterance into words and comparing the duration of each word to the duration of each word of a benchmark utterance.

17. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a user interface to receive a logon from a student at a client device, to identify the student at the device based on the logon and to find a language oral practice module for the identified student;

an accuracy evaluation block to evaluate a spoken utterance for accuracy based on the oral practice module;

a speed evaluation block to evaluate the spoken utterance for duration; and

a fluency evaluation block coupled to the accuracy evaluation block and to the speed evaluation block to assign a score to the spoken utterance based on the accuracy and the duration;

an online client to upload the assigned score to a server module and receive a ranking from a server; and

a display interface to provide the ranking to the speaker of the spoken utterance.

18. (Original) The method of Claim 17, further comprising a computing device to play a benchmark audio to a student, the benchmark audio comprising a sentence recited in a language to be learned by the student, and wherein evaluating the spoken utterance comprises comparing the spoken utterance from the student with the benchmark audio.

19. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the display interface is further comprising a computing device to provide the assigned score to the speaker of the spoken utterance.

20. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the ~~computing device further comprises an~~ online client is further to upload the assigned score to a server module to provide a learning history to a remote teacher.